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CLAMS:

1. Firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions comprising:-  
0.5 - 6% by weight copper;  
0.02 - 7% by weight of a firescale resisting additive selected from one or a mixture of zinc and silicon, and  
0.01 - 2.5% by weight germanium.
2. Firescale resistant, work hardenable ~~jewellery~~ silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 1, including silver in a content of at least 92.5% by weight.
3. Firescale resistant, work hardenable ~~jewellery~~ silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 1, including a copper content in the range of from 2.0 to 3.0% by weight.
4. Firescale resistant, work hardenable ~~jewellery~~ silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 1, including a zinc content between 2.0 and 4.0% by weight.
5. Firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 1, including a silicon content in the range of 0.15 to 0.2% by weight.
6. Firescale resistant, work hardenable ~~jewellery~~ silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 1, including a germanium content in the range of 0.04 to 2.0% by weight.
7. Firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions comprising 0.0 to 3.5% by weight of a grain refinement and/or surface tension reducing additive selected from one or a mixture of indium and boron alloyed to a composition in accordance with <sup>claim</sup> ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~.
8. Firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said

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grain refinement and/or surface tension reducing additive comprises from 0 to 2% by weight boron and 0 to 1.5% by weight indium.

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9. Firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions comprising tin in an amount of up to 6% by weight alloyed to a composition in accordance with <sup>claim 1</sup> ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 6.

10. Firescale resistant, work hardenable ~~jewellery~~ silver alloy compositions in accordance with Claim 9, wherein the tin is utilized in an amount of from 0.25 to 6% by weight.

11. Silver alloy compositions comprising:-

81 - 99.409% by weight silver;  
0.5 - 6% by weight copper;  
0.05 - 5% by weight zinc;  
0.02 - 2% by weight silicon;  
0.001 - 2% by weight boron;  
0.01 - 1.5% by weight indium, and  
0.01 - 2.5% by weight germanium.

12. Silver alloy compositions comprising:-

75 - 99.159% by weight silver;  
0.5 - 6% by weight copper;  
0.05 - 5% by weight zinc;  
0.02 - 2% by weight silicon;  
0.001 - 2% by weight boron;  
0.01 - 1.5% by weight indium;  
0.01 - 2.5% by weight germanium, and  
0.25 - 6.0% by weight tin.

13. A method of producing firescale resistant, work hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions according to <sup>claim 1</sup> ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 10 and including the alloying of silver metal with a master alloy comprising, by weight:

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52.5 - 99.85% by weight copper;  
0.1 - 35% by weight of zinc or silicon or mixtures  
thereof, and  
0.05 - 12.5% by weight germanium.

14. A method of producing firescale resistant, work  
hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions according to  
Claim 7 and including the alloying of silver metal with a  
master alloy comprising, by weight:

15.0 - 99.545% by weight copper;  
0.25 - 25% by weight zinc;  
0.1 - 10% by weight silicon;  
0.005 - 10% by weight boron;  
0.05 - 15% by weight indium, and  
0.05 - 25% by weight germanium.

15. A method of producing firescale resistant, work  
hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions according to  
Claim 9 and including the alloying of silver metal with a  
master alloy comprising, by weight:

2.5 - 97.455% by weight copper;  
0.25 - 25% by weight zinc;  
0.1 - 10% by weight silicon;  
0.005 - 10% by weight boron;  
0.05 - 15% by weight indium;  
0.05 - 25% by weight germanium, and  
2.0 - 12.5% by weight tin.

16. A method of producing firescale resistant, work  
hardenable jewellery silver alloy compositions according to  
Claim 9 and including the alloying of silver metal with a  
master alloy comprising, by weight:

2.5 - 97.455% by weight copper;  
0.25 - 19.85% by weight zinc;  
0.1 - 7.94% by weight silicon;  
0.005 - 7.94% by weight boron;

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0.05 - 11.92% by weight indium;  
0.05 - 19.85% by weight germanium, and  
2.0 - 30% by weight tin.

17. A silver composition comprising, by weight percent:

Silver	92.5
Copper	2.35
Zinc	2.82
Silicon	0.19
Boron	0.01
Indium	0.23
Germanium	1.9

18. A silver composition comprising, by weight percent:

Silver	92.5
Copper	3.25
Zinc	3.75
Silicon	0.2
Boron	0.01
Indium	0.25
Germanium	0.04

19. A silver composition comprising, by weight percent:

Silver	92.5
Copper	3.0
Zinc	3.14
Silicon	0.15
Boron	0.01
Indium	0.2
Germanium	1.0

20. A silver composition comprising, by weight percent:

Zinc	2.25
Indium	0.075
Tin	0.075
Germanium	0.125